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ANNUAL MEETING

November 17, 1983

8:00 p.m.

BOROUGH HALL

Program - Twenty-five years of Williamsburg History plus a few slides pertaining to the moving of Haddonfield's oldest house.

Speakers - Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Goettelmann



"Williamsburg"

This program is enhanced by the fact that Mr. Goettelmann is prominent and has been cited in architectural circles and Mrs. Goettelmann is well known as an historian and horticulturalist. They have made an important contribution to Historic Haddonfield by their continuing interest, enthusiasm and willingness to share their knowledge. This promises to be an interesting evening for those who enjoy antiques, landscaping and history.

Refreshments will be served. Do join us.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the years, the Society has been very fortunate to have received an outstanding collection of Samplers. Twelve excellent Samplers in the collection have been done by local women dating from 1736 to 1885.

The recent project of framing the Samplers according to museum specifications, to prevent further deterioration is now in progress. The House of Frames, on Haddon Avenue, agreed to do the framing at a substantial discount. The Carleys, owners of the House of Frames, will frame one Sampler as a donation to the Society.

Several members have made contributions to this project and will have their names noted on the back of the finished frames. Members wishing to contribute to this project or if interested in framing a particular Sampler, at a cost of \$40.00, may mail their check to Harry Atkinson, Treasurer, 34 Potter Street. Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated.

A number of members are in the process of sorting and cataloguing the acquisitions stored in the office, on the second floor. Among the most recent acquisitions were lovely Bromley lace curtains (made on the first lace machine made in America, according to the attached note). However, the donor's name was not included and it is important to acknowledge the donor on the card file. We would greatly appreciate this information. Please call Carolyn Moody or your president if you know the name of the donor.

You have undoubtedly noticed the Hip Roof House has been painted and as usual Ferris King supervised the painting.

All of the meetings of the Society have interesting programs of high caliber. In October, Mrs. Helen Hubbard read the complete Revision of the Bylaws and the members patiently and attentively listened to this "extra" part of the business. We are grateful for this cooperative effort.

Mrs. Larry Hilbert is planning to continue having refreshments at the business meetings. Team effort is very helpful. Would you like to volunteer to assist by baking cookies, etc.? Do call Larry and offer to help.

We look forward to seeing and greeting you on November 17.

Deborah H. Moore  
President.

REPRINTS OF MAPS AVAILABLE

New copies of the 1899 lithograph map of Haddonfield have just been printed. They are available unframed at \$10.00 per copy.

The map of Haddonfield in 1875 is still available at the same price. Maps are approximately 23" x 30". The framed maps make a very nice wall decoration for the family room or elsewhere.

November, 1983

### THE WOMENS COMMITTEE

The Auction, on Saturday October 8, was most successful! A beautiful sunny day in Autumn, it brought out lots of people, but there was room for many more. Bill Reynolds and Earl Holl ran a smooth auction. It was a great fun day for all. The Longs were successful with coffee and donuts. The lunch grill was expertly handled by the Rauschenbergers and the Mervines. The "best hamburgers anywhere" was heard over and over again. The Auction and food sales totaled \$1,817.51. Congratulations to the Auction Committee, the Auctioneers, the able food dispensers and all who helped make it a successful event.

The new refrigerator has been purchased and installed in the kitchen. We acted quickly on learning of a sale at Bances, and have a real bargain in the new frost-free, almond colored G. E. Considerable money was saved and it should also contribute to a lowering of electric consumption.

The wooden screen door has been made (cost \$30.00) and will be installed at the first hint of warm weather.

Mrs. Sherred, Hostess Chairman, needs additional Hostesses. Please volunteer for this important service to the Society of showing visitors our lovely building. It entails two hours once a month; either on a Tuesday or Thursday from 2PM to 4PM. Call Dottie at 429-6242. Please!

Don't forget Christmas Craft Shop on December 3, 1983. Dedicated women are busy working on articles for this affair every Tuesday from 10AM to Noon. Won't you join us? New ideas are always welcome. More hands are always needed. Honestly, we do have fun too.

Do come to the next meeting of the Women's Com. on Tuesday Nov. 22nd.

Mrs. John J. Slaven  
Chairman.

### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating Committee submits the following candidates for election at the Annual Meeting:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>TERM 1983 - 1985</u>
2nd Vice President -	Gladwyn Tatem
3rd Vice President -	B. Dorothy Witten
Recording Secretary -	Mary Mack

<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Term 1983 - 1986</u>
Jane King	Jeannette Woehr
Ferris King	Woodrow Zimmermann
Mitchell Schmidt	

Nominating Committee  
Dianne Snodgrass Chairman  
Robert Freedly, Larry Hilbert, Carol Staman  
Alice Wood

## EVENING GROUP - WOMENS COMMITTEE

The new Chairman of the Evening Group is Deborah Mervine. Debbis and a very understanding husband Tom have two children, Burritt age 13 and Christopher Anne age 16. Debbis's telephone number is 428-0053 and welcomes calls if you have any questions.

### REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

An exciting year has already begun with a lecture on the History of Art of Flower Arranging in September and a program on the Architecture of Camden in October.

Charlesanna Fallstick has agreed to be the Chairman of the Bake Shop Booth at the Christmas Craft Fair on December 5. Members will be receiving calls from a member of the committee requesting baked goods for the Fair. The success of the Booth sales will depend on your assistance. Please say you will contribute a baked item or two.

November meeting will be a workshop to package all the goodies ( you get to eat the crumbs).

The meeting on January 25 will be special. Mr. William Brookover of the Victorian Society of Philadelphia will present a slide lecture on Architecture and Restoration.

Meeting are scheduled for 8:15 PM with refreshments served prior to the meeting. The Evening Group is growing in number and are most supportive of the objective of the Society.

Deborah Mervine  
Chairman.

### MEMBERSHIP

It's that time again! 1983-1984 membership dues were payable November 1, 1983. As a special incentive to save postage you may pay your dues, pick up a new membership card, the activities calendar and a complimentary copy of "Boyhood Memories of Boxwood Hall" at the General Meeting on November 17 or the Christmas Craft Shop on December 3.

According to the Bylaws, "if a member's dues remain unpaid by January 15, he/she shall be dropped from the membership".

Mabel Kay  
Chairman.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOP - DECEMBER 3, 1983

EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES

Plans for the March 1984 Adult Seminar Series to be held in Greenfield Hall, are underway. These history oriented lectures are limited to 25 persons. Applicants may register through the Haddonfield Adult School. The Adult School Brochure will be mailed early in January -- look for topics and speakers.

Mail your application and registration fee as soon as possible -- before Adult School Open House to avoid the disappointment of a "filled" class.

The education committee must abide by the budgetary regulation for class size and numbers, with no exceptions, if it receives funding from the New Jersey Committee for the Humanities. Another series will be presented in 1985.

"History Came Alive" the children's enrichment project for local schools K-12 has begun with the very popular "Harvest Time" field trip to Greenfield Hall. Five other topics offered this year are: "Map Study", "Postal Cards of Main Street", "The Coopers Craft", "Nursery Tales" and "Toys". This program is offered to all Haddonfield schools, Haddonfield Friends School and Christ the King. As of mid October docents of the Society have been invited into classrooms of the elementary, middle and high school levels.

The committee members have given generously of their time for Haddonfield's young people and are proudly representing the Society in the community. This project is funded in part by the New Jersey Historical Commission.

A new dimension of the Education Committee this year will be Evening Speaking Engagements. Seven programs are available for a modest fee.

The Haddon Fortnightly Juniors, the E. M. D. and the Haddonfield New Comers Club have requested programs. For information concerning these programs contact the Education Committee at 428-0823.

Dianne H. Snodgrass  
Chairman.

FROM THE NOTES OF GERTRUDE HESS

The year following the very successful celebration of the 200th anniversary of the founding of Haddonfield in 1913, at the request of Mrs. Ephraim T. Gill, James Lane Pennypacker and Samuel N. Rhoads, a meeting was held to consider the feasibility of organizing an Historical Society. On November 24, 1914 a constitution was adopted, officers and directors were elected, and the Historical Society of Haddonfield came into being. Among the provisions of that constitution was the establishment and maintenance of an historical library taking as its scope the history of the Borough of Haddonfield, the County of Camden and the State of New Jersey which would embrace the study and collection of data on individuals, organizations, events, etc.

The Society's first home was the Library and Historical Building now the Public Library. In June 1937 the Society purchased the little three-story brick house at 231 King's Highway East where it remained for over 20 years. It was in that building that I first became acquainted with the Society. While the library was supposedly quartered in one or two rooms on the second floor, increasing accessions soon filled these to over-flowing and as a consequence library materials were placed wherever space could be found which made access to these rather haphazard.

What a joy it was to move into gracious, spacious Greenfield Hall in 1960 where the library was housed, as it is today, in the 18th century section of the house with the upper floor devoted entirely to stack space. But alas again twenty years later we are again bursting at the seams! So much for history.

The library is comprised of books, pamphlets, manuscripts, maps, prints, newspapers and during the last 10 or 15 years has added those 20th century inventions of tape recordings and micro-films. I won't bore you with too many figures, but to give you some estimate of size we have about 2,500 volumes, 600 plus pamphlets and several thousand manuscripts and miscellany.

The major portions of the holdings have now been catalogued, but I wonder sometimes whether we will ever reach our goal of 100%. The library is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00 - 4:30 PM, September - June and by special appointment. Anyone may use the library - non-member as well as member. There is no fee. We have a petty cash account of \$25.00, from the Society's funds, used for incidentals such as paste, cards, mounting sheets for prints. While most accessions are gifts an occasional modern title pertaining specifically to our policy is purchased. These are bought from the Book Committee fund with the approval of that Committee.

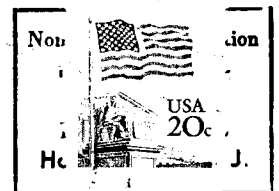
From the beginning the library has been maintained by volunteers far too numerous to mention by name but without whose devotion and expenditure of time and effort there would be a collection of books, etc., but no library service. This team of library workers has been augmented during the more recent years by a program of hostesses who conduct tours through the building on the days Greenfield Hall is open.

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